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Time Warner launches Most Wanted series

Time Warner Cable, in partnership with the Texas Department of Public Safety last week announced the launch of the Texas Most Wanted series in the Crime Stoppers category on Local On Demand channels.

The Texas Most Wanted series distributes information about the most wanted DPS fugitives to Time Warner Cable digital video customers across the state, allowing customers in Texas to support efforts by DPS to locate and capture the most wanted fugitives and sex offenders statewide.

"Time Warner Cable's participation provides citizens additional opportunities to help remove these violent offenders from our streets," DPS Assistant Director Tom Ruocco, chief of the Criminal Investigations Division, said in a written statement. "Combined with cash rewards from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, this effort will hopefully generate additional tips that will lead to the arrest of some of the most wanted and dangerous fugitives in Texas."

"Joining forces with the Department of Public Safety to help find and capture fugitives benefits the state of Texas and our customers," said Jon Gary Herrera, vice president of communications with Time Warner Cable in Texas. "The new Texas Most Wanted video series, along with our Crime Stoppers and Missing Children programs, give our customers the power make their communities a safer place to live and even reunite families."

Texas Most Wanted videos on Crime Stoppers On Demand will air on Channel 1400 in the Austin-Round Rock area.

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Round Rock sales tax revenue on upswing

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on July 7 said that state sales tax revenue in June was \$1.72 billion. That's an increase of 7.2 percent, compared to June 2010.

"The state's sales tax revenue has now increased for 15 months in a row," Combs said in a written statement. "Strong business spending boosted sales tax revenue in sectors such as the oil and gas industry and manufacturing, and the retail sector continued to show growth."

On Monday, Combs sent sales tax allocations totaling \$474.5 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 7.2 percent compared to July 2010. July sales tax allocations represent sales that occurred in May.

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Locally, Round Rock received an allocation of \$5.02 million, which was up 4.21 percent over the same month a year earlier. Round Rock ranks in the top 10 among sales tax revenue-generating cities in Texas.

To date, the city is trending 4.7 percent above last year's sales tax allocations through July. Each of the top 20 sales tax revenue-generating cities in the state are trending in the black, through the first seven months of 2011. That includes Austin, at 3.15 percent over the first seven months of last year.

Among neighboring cities, Hutto is trending 11.76 percent above last year's numbers, through the same seven months of 2010. However, Hutto was down 4.69 percent in July compared to the same month in 2010.

Pflugerville is up 15.72 percent in sales tax allocations over the previous year, through the first seven months of the year. Pflugerville received a \$389,180 allocation in July, which was up 9.79 percent over the same month a year earlier.

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#### At the Round Rock Chamber

The 2011 Round Rock Chamber is accepting applications for its 2011-12 Leadership Round Rock class. The program is designed to build leadership skills and to promote awareness of issues and opportunities that impact the city of Round Rock.

Leadership Round Rock is a nine-week program, with full-day sessions held once a month from August to May. The first class begins with a mandatory overnight retreat, participation in a community service project, attendance at two City Council meetings and ends with a graduation ceremony in May.

Visit [roundrockchamber.org](http://roundrockchamber.org) or call 255-5805 for more information.

The chamber Ascend program is seeking young professionals with a passion for the Round Rock community. Applications will be accepted until July 15.

Ascend is designed for young professionals between the ages of 21-39 and offers mentoring and networking opportunities to engage the next generation of leaders.

Early registration is required; contact Shontel Mays at the chamber of commerce, [smays@roundrockchamber.org](mailto:smays@roundrockchamber.org).

The chamber will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Always Best Care Senior Services on Thursday, July 14 at 4:30 p.m. at Mesa Rosa Restaurant, 15515 RM 620. For more information on Always Best Care, visit [abc-seniors.com](http://abc-seniors.com).

The Round Rock Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its annual business awards. Categories include Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Member of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement. The award winners will be recognized at the annual banquet on Sept. 19 at the Austin Marriott North at Round Rock.

Letters of nomination should highlight the nominee's accomplishments and reasons for receiving the awards, and should be received by the

Chamber no later than 5 p.m. Aug. 1.

They may also be emailed to Shontel Mays at [smays@roundrockchamber.org](mailto:smays@roundrockchamber.org), or may be sent directly to the Chamber offices at 212 E. Main St., Round Rock, TX 78664.

A list of past recipients is available at [roundrockchamber.org/about-the-chamber/awards/](http://roundrockchamber.org/about-the-chamber/awards/)

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At the Hutto Chamber:

Nancy Rabb of Wag A Bag will be the featured speaker at the next Hutto Chamber luncheon, scheduled for July 21 at LivePointe Church, FM 1660 at Carl Stern Boulevard. The event, beginning at 11:30 a.m., ranges in cost from \$12-\$15. RSVP by email to [Tom@HuttoChamber.com](mailto:Tom@HuttoChamber.com) or call 759-4400.

The Hutto Chamber will host a wine and cheese member orientation on July 28. The event takes place at 5:30 p.m. at the chamber office. The event is free and open to chamber members.

Local residents recently joined the Hutto Area Chamber of Commerce in welcoming The Studio to their new location on the corner of East Street and Farley Street in downtown Hutto.

The Studio offers the hair, nail and massage services. Anna Rodriguez and Regina Sanchez invite the public to come by. Visit [thestudiohtx.com](http://thestudiohtx.com) for more information.

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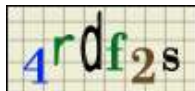
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